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1. BELOW IS TEXT OF A LETTER TO PIERRE CH. A. LEGOUX, FROM
ASHLEY C. HEWITT, JR., CHIEF OF THE DIVISION OF
INDUSTRIAL AND STRATEGIC MATERIALS OF THE BUREAU OF
ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WHO ACTED AS CHIEF OF THE
U.S. DELEGATION TO THE MARCH COPPER CONSULTATION AT
GENEVA, AND WHO WILL HEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE
SEPTEMBER COPPER MEETING THERE. REFTEL, WHICH SENT INFO
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ALL OECD CAPITALS, REQUESTED EMBASSY PARIS TO DELIVER

LETTER TO LEGOUX AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TEXT OF LETTER BEING REPEATED FYI ONLY AND CONTENTS SHOULD NOT BE USED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT THIS TIME.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. LEGOUX: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JULY 24, 1976 CONCERNING YOUR VISIT TO GENEVA AND YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH COREA AND CHIDZERO ABOUT THE SEPTEMBER COPPER MEETING. WE HAVE ALSO GOTTEN A REPORT ON YOUR VISIT FROM OUR MISSION AT GENEVA, AND A COPY OF THE AGENDA FROM THE MEETING WHICH UNCTAD STAFF PROPOSES TO

FOLLOW. I AM ASKING OUR EMBASSY AT PARIS TO SUPPLY YOU WITH A COPY OF THE AGENDA IN THE EVENT YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT YET.

WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN THAT UNCTAD WILL USE ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THE NAIROBI RESOLUTION TO STRUCTURE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING ON COPPER IN ORDER TO YIELD AN OUTCOME TILTED TOWARD PRODUCERS AND UNCTAD'S OWN POLICY GOALS. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING MAY BE ATTENDED BY A NUMBER OF UNCTAD MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH DID NOT ATTEND THE MARCH MEETING, AND WHICH HAVE NO SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN COPPER EITHER AS PRODUCERS OR CONSUMERS. WE HAVE EXPRESSED THAT CONCERN TO THE UNCTAD STAFF THROUGH OUR MISSION AT GENEVA. HOWEVER, IT MUST BE ADMITTED THAT THERE ARE NO COMPELLING GROUNDS IN PRACTICE OR PRECEDENT FOR EXCLUDING ANY GOVERNMENT WHICH DECLARES ITSELF TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN COPPER AND SEEKS TO ATTEND THE MEETING. GIVEN THE PROBABLE APPROACH OF UNCTAD TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT CONSUMERS ACHIEVE A FIRM, AGREED POSITION ON THE MAJOR ISSUES - FOR EXAMPLE THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING TO THE WORK PROGRAM LAID OUT BY THE MARCH CONSULTATION, AND THE PROPOSAL FOR A SEPARATE PRODUCER/CONSUMER ORGANIZATION FOR COPPER-PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE UNCTAD COPPER MEETING AT GENEVA. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT A PREPARATORY MEETING OF CONSUMERS BE HELD DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20-24. PERHAPS THE LAST TWO OR THREE DAYS OF THAT WEEK WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. (AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS A MEETING OF THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES OF THE OECD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON SEPTEMBER 20-21.)

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT YOU ARE THE LOGICAL PERSON TO CONVENE AND CHAIR A PREPARATORY MEETING ON COPPER, AND THAT PARIS IS THE MOST CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR ALL PARTIES. IT ALSO PROVIDES READY ACCESS TO CIPEC SHOULD PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH PRODUCERS BE DESIRABLE. YOU MAY FEEL THAT YOUR POSITION IS UNCERTAIN BECAUSE UNCTAD HAS

CHOSEN TO CONVENE AN ENTIRELY NEW MEETING RATHER THAN
A CONTINUATION OF THE MEETING OF WHICH YOU WERE CHAIRMAN.
HOWEVER, YOU WERE ELECTED BY CONSUMERS AS THEIR REPRESENT-
ATIVE PRIOR TO BEING CHOSEN AS CHAIRMAN BY THE MARCH CONSULT-
ATION AS A WHOLE, AND MY GOVERNMENT, AT LEAST, WOULD BE
HAPPY TO HAVE YOU CONTINUE IN THAT ROLE.

WE HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL APPROVE THIS
SUGGESTION FOR A PREPARATORY MEETING OF CONSUMERS PRIOR
TO THE SEPTEMBER COPPER MEETING AT GENEVA, AND THAT YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY TO CONVENE SUCH A
MEETING. IF WE CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE, PLEASE DO NOT

HESITATE TO CALL UPON US. SINCERELY YOURS, ASHLEY C.
HEWITT JR., CHIEF INDUSTRIAL AND STRATEGIC MATERIALS,
BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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